Thefts in trains

2548. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a spurt of theft in trains;

(b) if so, the details of the thefts occurred during the last two years, zone-wise; and

(c) the present status of each case reported, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shifting the mining activities of KIOCL

2549. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the KIOCL management has decided to shift its mining activities to Bellary; and

(b) if so, by when it would commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b) KIOCL has submitted its application for grant of mining lease in Ramanadurg iron ore deposits in Bellary-Hospet region in the State of Karnataka. Karnataka State Cabinet has decided to allot 50% of Ramanadurg Iron Ore Deposits in favour of KIOCL. However, getting a Mining Lease in this area is dependent on the outcome of a Karnataka High Court case pending regarding the allotment in this lease area. Mining activities by KIOCL can start in this area within about five years after grant of the mining lease.

KIOCL's shifting of mining activities to Bellary will depend on getting mining lease in this area.

Requirement of iron ore for KIOCL

2550. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether against the daily requirement of 11,000 MT of iron ore, KIOCL is now supplied only 3350 MT per day through NMDC from Bellary region;